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National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 Initiation meeting set for Aug. 4 on proposed Kalaeloa Renewable Energy Park

(PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM) - Navy Region Hawaii is currently evaluating the proposed Kalaeloa Renewable Energy Park and invites you to participate in a Section 106 Initiation Meeting on Thursday, August 4, 2011 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Hale Pono'i Building at the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) facility at 91-5420 Kapolei Parkway.

The topic for discussion is the proposed Kalaeloa Renewable Energy Park, a proposed Undertaking under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106). The proposal includes development of a photovoltaic array at Ewa Field. The 5-megawatt solar array can power up to 5,000 homes and consists of approximately 21,000 PV panels installed on a low-profile modular racking system. The Navy supports this project as a way to highlight and protect the historic runway while serving as an important renewable energy source.

The meeting consists of an informational open house from 6 to 6:30 p.m., followed by a public meeting from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Subject matter experts, including representatives from the Navy, Hunt Development Corp., Mason Architects Inc., and AECOM, will be available to discuss the project proposal, answer questions and discuss the public's role in the Section 106 process.

A previous meeting held July 19 featured an administrative history of Kalaeloa land conveyances to Ford Island Ventures, a National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 process overview, a National Environmental Policy Act process overview, and an introduction to the Kalaeloa Renewable Energy Park proposal.

A comment form link and additional information are available at the Navy Region Hawaii website, www.cnic.navy.mil/hawaii. The public may also submit questions and comments to cnrh.pao@navy.mil.

(Note: Media wishing to cover the event should contact the Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office at 473-2926 by noon, Thursday, Aug. 4.)

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